# San Gabriel Unified School District Strategic Arts Plan

2019-2024

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The Development of the strategic plan for arts education is a partnership between the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective and San Gabriel Unified School District. In 2018-2019 a group of stakeholders from the District formed a Community Arts Team worked with Arts Ed Collective Coach, Sandy Seufert, and worked to create this Strategic Arts Plan.

# Los Angeles County Arts Commission – Arts Education Collective

In 2002, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established the Arts Education Collective to align efforts across the region with the ambitious goal that LA County's 1.5 million public school students receive a well-rounded education that includes the arts.

The Arts Ed Collective is comprised of policy makers, educators, arts organizations, teaching artists, funders, business leaders and community advocates. Strategic direction for the initiative is guided by the Leadership Council and Funders Council. The Los Angeles County Arts Commission offers administrative support and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) provides curriculum and instructional services for educators Countywide. **LACountyArtsEdCollective.org** 

# The History of Arts Education and Project Background in SGUSD

In 2009, a goal to establish a comprehensive, integrated visual and performing arts program at every level, was written into the SGUSD Educational Master Plan and approved by the school board. Shortly thereafter, economic recession, along with a drastic shift in how California schools are funded (LCFF) resulted in the plan being shelved.

For the past 12 years, VAPA in SGUSD remained unchanged. Quality programs for some arts disciplines have been in place, but without district-wide coordination. In 2015, the Music Immersion Experience program (MIE) was implemented at Roosevelt Elementary, using music as intervention, and with it, came an arts administrator position (MIE program coordinator) at the district level for the first time. This simple access point to decision makers, eventually led to the bringing together of all VAPA teachers in the district during a district in-service day in February 2018. The conversations that took place revealed the vast potential that exists here in SGUSD within our own talented staff, as well as a strong desire to connect and revisit past efforts to expand/improve VAPA throughout SGUSD. At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, SGUSD partnered with the LA County Arts Ed Collective to create a 5-year VAPA strategic plan. A committee of approximately 20 community members was brought together to collaborate. Like most of California, SGUSD is experiencing declining enrollment, among other competitive factors, that limit available funding. However, the district believes in the power of arts education, and is committed to support improvement and expansion to serve all SGUSD students equitably with high quality arts education.

#### Why now?

SGUSD recognizes the importance of the arts, not only to satisfy the requirements of providing a well-rounded education, but for the social-emotional health of our students. Throughout America, we are seeing an alarming increase of mental health issues in our young people. It has never been more imperative to ensure equitable access to quality arts education, and San Gabriel Unified recognizes the need to address gaps within our district. To effectively address these weak areas will require the puzzle pieces of a clear vision, leadership, commitment, skillful personnel, a thoughtful plan, and the passionate desire to see it through. In 2018-2019, these puzzle pieces all came together for SGUSD, with the help of the LA County Arts Ed Collective. It is clear to us that the time is NOW to undertake these efforts for the long-term benefit of ALL SGUSD students, as well as our community at large.

#### **SGUSD District Vision and VAPA Vision**

#### **District Mission**

It is the mission of the San Gabriel Unified School District, in partnership with the community, to prepare its students for their future as productive citizens and lifelong learners. We are committed to a balanced curriculum, supportive programs and practices, and an environment that encourages students to reach their maximum potential.

#### **VAPA Vision**

It is the mission of the Visual and Performing Arts Department to ensure that high quality arts is an integral and accessible part of a comprehensive SGUSD education. We believe that arts education enhances the district goal of developing artistically literate graduates who are excellent Communicators, Mindful and Lifelong Learners, Creative Thinkers, Collaborators, Innovators, and Compassionate Decision Makers.

#### SGUSD Strategic Arts Plan Links to the District Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals

In 3-5 years, we would like to see the following essential elements solidly established or in progress as an integral part of our TK-12 Arts Education Plan:

#### 1. Support High-Quality Arts Education Curriculum and Instruction (LCAP Goals 1, 2 and 3)

Goal 1: Support Teachers through Professional Development (LCAP Goals 1a.12, 2a.2, 2a.8, 2a.9-11015, 2b.3)

**Goal 2:** Develop and Implement Comprehensive K-12 VAPA Programs (LCAP Goals 1.1a, 2a.8) (Provide learning opportunities in all 5 Arts Disciplines – LCAP Goals 1, 3b)

Goal 3: Establish District-Wide VAPA Coordination (LCAP Goals 1a, 2a)

#### 2. Increase Equity and Access to Standards Aligned Arts Education (LCAP Goals 1, 2, and 3)

**Goal 1:** Utilize Data for Program Improvement (LCAP Goals 1a and 2a)

Goal 2: Ensure Adequate Facilities and Personnel (LCAP Goal 1b and 1c)

Goal 3: Secure Diversified, Sustainable Funding Opportunities (LCAP Goal 3)

# 3. Communicate the Value of the Arts (LCAP Goal 3)

Goal 1: Foster Community Value of and for The Arts (LCAP Goals 3a.3-14002, 3a.4)

Goal 2: Celebrate and Showcase the Arts (LCAP Goals 3a, 3b, 3c)

#### Phase I of our VAPA Strategic Plan

- Appoint VAPA Coordinator and create a centralized process to inventory and process VAPA needs. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 3.Goal 1c, LCAP Goal 3a, 3b, 3c, 2a.15-11020)
- Create SGUSD VAPA Advisory Board/Council (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 3.Goal 1a, LCAP Goal 3a)
- Utilize Data for Program Improvement and Advocacy (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 1. Goal 1)
  - o Perform GAP analysis K12 (VAPA Strategic Directions, Sec 1. Goal 1a, LCAP Goal 3b)
  - o Establish periodic improvement cycle that includes assessment, planning, and implementation. (VAPA Strategic Directions, Sec 1. Goal 1e, LCAP Goal 3b)
  - o Accurately report VAPA data to Create CA (VAPA Strategic Directions, Sec 1. Goal 1f)
- Create a Vision Statement for VAPA in our district. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 1. Goal 2i, LCAP Goal 3a/b/c)
- Define Model K-12 VAPA programs (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 1.Goal 2a, LCAP Goal 1a.8)
  - o Research models of other districts (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 1.Goal 2b, LCAP Goal 1a.8)

- Develop a shared resource stream. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 2a, LCAP Goal 2a.8)
- Build in time for VAPA observation and collaboration. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 2c, LCAP Goal 2a.8)
- Provide time for schools and community partners to collaborate. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 2b, LCAP Goal 3a/b)
- Provide professional development for VAPA teachers regarding technology implementation. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 2e, LCAP Goal 1a.3/2a.9/3b.9/3c.1/3c.6)
- Establish and begin partnership with TEAL, select coaches and start process of developing arts/technology integration models. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2. Goal 2b/e, LCAP Goal 2a.8)
- Include secondary teachers in K-5 committees and vice versa to help with vertical collaboration (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 2f, LCAP Goal 2a.8))
- Create a centralized process to inventory and process VAPA needs. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 3.Goal 1e)
- Pursue and foster community relationships and involve the City of San Gabriel in public relations. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 3.Goal 2d/f, LCAP Goal 3a/b/c)

#### Phase II and III of VAPA Strategic Plan

In the future, we plan to continue refining and implementing our strategic plan with the following priorities:

- Implement standards aligned Dance Curriculum, including creation of programs at elementary and secondary level and hiring of staff as funding allows.
- Bolster Theater curriculum and align to standards, including hiring of staff as funding allows.
- Creation of arts showcase traditions and facilities, including district wide arts festival to showcase and foster community value of the arts.
  - Secure dedicated space at every site for every arts discipline. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 1d, LCAP Goal 1b)
  - o Create performance/Gallery opportunities. (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 2.Goal 1f LCAP Goal 3a)
- Teacher/Peer/Student mentorship opportunities for cross site collaboration.
- Creation of VAPA Articulation plan for each art form, aligned with standards K-12.
  - o Establish working models that are vertical (k-12) and horizontal (cross curricular). (VAPA Strategic Directions Sec 1.Goal 2f, LCAP Goal 1a.8/2a.8)
- Align VAPA priorities with Induction plan for new hires.
- Continue to provide high quality Professional Development to our staff.
- Ensure adequate facilities for our growing programs.
- Expand Site based funding opportunities.
- Increase access to VAPA courses for English Learners, Socio Economically Disadvantaged, and Foster Youth Students by working with counselors and targeted students in regard to scheduling fine arts classes at the secondary level. (SGUSD LCAP Goal 1a.8-11008 increase A-G completion rates of unduplicated populations)
  - Partnering with CTE.

# **Executive Summary**

**Practical Vision Goals:** The Community Arts Team met and answered the question, "If all things were possible, what would we want to have in place in five years as the result of our plan in arts education?" The following Goals were created from a brainstorming session based on their vision for SGUSD on November 2, 2018. The full Practical Vision document can be found in the Appendix.

Facilities and	Diversified Funding	Sequential	College and Career	Branding	Professional	Student-Driven	Visibility
Resources	Streams	Curriculum	Pathways		Support	Voice	

# **Current Reality**

On January 17, 2019 The Community Arts Team of San Gabriel Unified School District identified the strengths the district could build on and the challenges it would face as it moved toward enacting the practical vision for arts education. This is the **Current Reality** for the District.

Asterisks indicate key actions and priorities identified by the CAT Team (\* = 1 vote, \*\* = 2-3 votes, \*\*\* = 4 or more votes)

Strengths	Challenges		
Momentum Towards Vision	Forces Resisting Our New Direction		
Diversity	Competing priorities for time (students) ***		
Great/Talented teachers **	Competition for students between programs *		
Local community resources **	Issues surrounding meeting A-G requirements ***		
District values the arts ***	Parents' expectations for their children *		
Range of course offerings **	Limited offerings in dance, theater, and the trades ***		
Broad-minded people	Perceptions of students and parents on academic choices		
Great students	Having adequate facilities *		
Community buy-in *	Limited experiential learning *		
People are innovative and risk-takers ***			

# **Opportunities**

# **Untapped Resources**

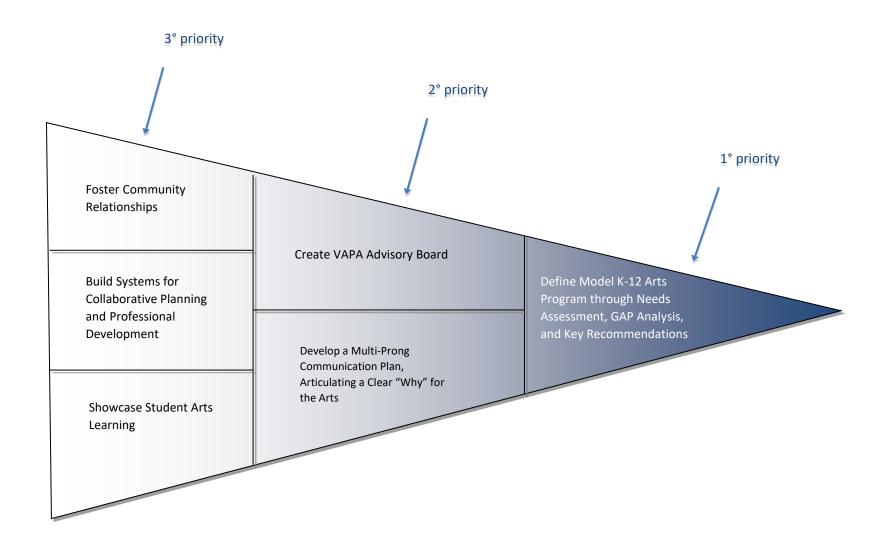
- Coordination of current resources \*\*\*
- Working vertically and horizontally \*\*\*
- Maximizing Project-Based Learning \*\*
- Leveraging professional development opportunities \*\*
- Energizing students through exhibitions and performances \*\*\*

# **Current Reality from Data Review**

The district utilized the online Arts Ed Profile from the Arts Ed Collective to review arts education data from neighboring school districts. In addition, the group reviewed the CREATE CA online Arts Education Data Project which shows data for secondary schools throughout California. The CAT team worked in specialized groups to review this data with a focus on capturing additional strengths challenges, and opportunities. The findings from the data review are summarized below:

Data	Strengths	Challenges	Opportunities
Source	Alhambra Unified School District:  Has dance, 94% music, 33% theater,	Not all of Districts participated in the survey, making comparisons difficult	
Arts Ed Profile	33 FTE (Full Time Employees) Music, 7 FTE Visual Arts, 2 FTE Media Arts, 1/6 FTE Dance	% of school offering arts education may be high, but the number of Full Time Employees teaching the arts is low	
(LA County		Funding sources are unknown	
Data			
Grades K- 12)	Temple City Unified School District:		
	4.5 FTE Music, 5 FTE Visual Arts, Lower number of students in poverty		
	San Gabriel Unified School District:		
	Partners with the community, including several Cultural Partners; has 57% SED population and is still providing quality offerings; After school program offer more choices		

Arts Ed Data Project	Statewide average for students engaged in arts education is 39%. SGUSD has 45% students engaged in arts education.	Statewide enrollment in some sort of arts education is 39%  There is a huge drop in enrollment after "fundamental" classes (meeting a requirement)	Statewide enrollment in dance and theatre is 19% overall – more students could take advantage of opportunities
(Statewide Data Grades 6- 12)	100% of SGUSD secondary schools offer Visual Arts and 88% (minus De Mar) offer Music. Media Arts, as a newer art form, is also present.  There are 39 FTE Arts Educators and 18% of secondary students are enrolled in Music and 19% are enrolled in Visual Art.  In looking at the Year Over Year Dashboard, instrumental lessons are up in enrollment, arts funding is up, and other Arts/Media Arts is also up	Theatre and dance have the lowest enrollment of all disciplines (in SGUSD and throughout the State)  Data represented for SGUSD is not accurate (choral music not included for Gabrielino)  At the 10 <sup>th</sup> grade enrollment in the arts drops  Elementary, other than Roosevelt, arts education is inconsistent year to year  Introductory (does not move past fundamentals)  Arts are often funded through PTA, SEF  There is no dance and theatre instruction	There are opportunities for cultural equity – 49% Free Lunch versus 97% accessing the arts  In Middle School, especially in Music, there is opportunity for parent engagement as 50% of these students are enrolled in Music  There is an opportunity to have more accurate data reporting, which could lead to more funding **  Many parent engagement opportunities exist



# **Strategic Directions**

To come up with Strategic Directions to guide the plan and address the challenges, the Westside Union School District Community Arts Team was asked: What creative and innovative actions can we take to address our challenges and move toward our vision? (The full Strategic Directions document can be found in the Appendix)

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#### 3. Communicate the Value of the Arts

**Goal 1:** Foster Community Value of and for The Arts

Goal 2: Celebrate and Showcase the Arts

#### Strategic Direction #1: Support High-Quality Arts Education Curriculum and Instruction 1st Year Pre-Trimester 1 Tasks Trimester 1 Trimester 2 Trimester 3 **Budget Implications/ Measurable Outcomes Goals and Actions** Tasks Tasks Tasks Point Person(s) (Evidence of Success) Aug - Mid Dec Mid Dec - Mid March Mid March - June **Goal: Support Teachers through Professional Development** Action: Participate Research opportunities Recruit TEAL coaches Continue PD Continue PD Budget: No budget TEAL coaches are established in TEAL and implications for attendance attendance implications. TEAL with clear directives and goals (Technology **SGUSD** Determine provides stipend of for expanding participation **Enhanced Arts** Collaborate with Visual purpose/focus in relation Collaborate with Visual \$1500 for teacher and implementation Make information to VAPA strategic plan. Arts and Music release time. TEAL Learning) Arts and Music regarding TEAL available committee committee resources are free. to all staff Attend TEAL professional development Determine continued Point Persons: VAPA plans for following year. Coordinator; TEAL coaches Documented system of Actions: Build With Visual Arts and Budget: No budget Determine participants Review goals and adjust. Review goals and adjust systems of Music as the focus areas for year 1 (should include implications. collaborative planning SGUSD Visual arts and reserved time for for year 1, determine Document all meetings Document all meetings Advancement Grant, (protocols, etc.) that is VAPA observation goals of collaborative music staff, TEAL coaches, TEAL, and/or Scale Up! replicable. Meeting times are and collaboration planning meetings (e.g. and K-5 classroom Begin process of creating Continue process of resources will fund calendared and budgeted for standards alignment, teacher(s)) a centralized system to creating centralized sub-release time. following year. Include secondary integration modules, archive shared resource system to archive Create calendar of teachers in K-5 creating shared stream shared resource stream Meeting minutes committees and resources) meetings Point Persons: VAPA vice versa to assist Align curriculum Determine continued Coordinator: VAPA Accessible, centralized with vertical K-12 Create group norms and decisions with new VAPA goals for following year **Advisory Board** destination exists of shared collaboration standards and TEAL protocols resource stream. i.e. digital modules archive Create specific collaboration goals Action: Provide Commence participation $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$ **Budget: Cost of** VAPA teachers are enabled to Research funding discipline specific opportunities and of discipline specific professional participate in regular professional determine budget professional development development professional development development for allowance for discipline for VAPA staff as budget opportunities, release current VAPA specific professional allows. time $\rightarrow$ teachers to development (e.g. conferences, workshops, maintain best Point Persons: VAPA practices trainings) Coordinator: Director

	Research arts discipline specific arts PD opportunities, and communicate to VAPA teachers  Share information with Director of Professional Development for dissemination				of Professional Development	
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Pre-Trimester 1 Tasks	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Budget Implications/	Measurable Outcomes
Goals and Actions		Tasks Aug – Mid Dec	Tasks Mid Dec – Mid March	Tasks Mid March - June	Point Person(s)	(Evidence of Success)
Goal: Develop and Ir	 nplement Comprehensive K-:		I WING DEC - IVIIG IVIGICII	IVIIU IVIAI CII - JUIIE		
Action: Define Model K-12 Program	Observe/research other districts and compile examples for VAPA Advisory Board to examine ->  Unpack new VAPA standards to enable district interpretation and documentation	Begin to write specific description of K-12 articulated VAPA Program.  Consider key foundational skills in the arts that can be implemented District-wide through subject specific arts instruction and cross curricular arts integration	Considering results of GAP analysis, begin to create a template for a scope and sequence plan for all VAPA artforms  Include possible CTE Connections and Alignments	Edit and refine preliminary K-12 VAPA Strategic Plan Edit and refine model program document	Budget: No budget implications. Use existing staff resources. Release time paid for by the Arts Advancement Grant  Point Person: VAPA Coordinator; VAPA Advisory Board	A definitive and detailed document exists that defines SGUSD version of a model K-12 Comprehensive VAPA program  Document is transparent, and accessible district wide
Goal: Establish Distr	ct-Wide VAPA Coordination					
Action: Create VAPA Coordinator position and hire/appoint qualified VAPA Coordinator	Create job description for SGUSD VAPA Coordinator  Determine how VAPA Coordinator will lead the VAPA Advisory Board  VAPA Coordinator position is hired/appointed prior to start of school year				Budget: No budget implications. Funding for this position will come from adjusted job description and elimination of MIE Coordinator position title.  Point Persons: SGUSD Cabinet; School Board	A Qualified VAPA Coordinator is in place for SGUSD with a clear directive of implementing the VAPA Strategic Plan, and the required supports are in place to ensure success

1st Year	Pre-Trimester 1 Tasks	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Budget Implications/	Measurable Outcomes
Goals and Actions		Tasks	Tasks	Tasks	Point Person(s)	(Evidence of Success)
		Aug – Mid Dec	Mid Dec – Mid March	Mid March - June		
Action: Create	Determine relevant	Determine Board	Approve VAPA vision	Assess successes of year-	Budget: No budget	VAPA Advisory Board is
VAPA Advisory	stakeholders (board,	members, and commence	statement	one goals	implications. Release	cohesive and functioning
Board (minimum	admin, VAPA coordinator,	meetings			time and logistical	successfully through to the
2- year	site teachers, SGTA,		Assess successes of year-	Prepare for year-two	expenses paid for by	end of year 1 with continued
commitment)	parents, High School	Determine board member	one goals	timeline tasks	the Advancement	commitment from members
	student Reps, CTE Rep,	responsibilities (chair,			Grant	into year 2
	Community Partners)	secretary, etc.), and elect	Review and adjust	Present annual report to		
		key positions	timeline to meet current	the school board	Point Persons: VAPA	Completion of Year 1 Actions
	Create a timeline for		needs		Coordinator; Chair of	from Strategic Directions
	meeting schedule, plan to	Create meeting/group		Present annual report to	VAPA Advisory Board	
	hold quarterly meetings	norms		LCAP Committee		Meeting agendas, minutes
	in year 1					and sign-in sheets
		Evaluate status of year-				
	Secure meeting space for	one timeline tasks/goals				Revised/Adjusted 5-year plan
	meetings					based on findings from year 1
		Send invitations and				
	Publish and announce	reminders for upcoming				Annual Report presented to
	schedule (SGUSD	meetings				school board
	website), recruit					
	members.					
	Request 2-year					
	commitment from					
	committee members					

Strategic Direction #	2: Increase Equity and Access	to Standards Aligned Arts Ed	ducation			
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Goals and Actions	Pre-Trimester 1 Tasks	Trimester 1 Tasks Aug – Mid Dec	Trimester 2 Tasks Mid Dec – Mid March	Trimester 3 Tasks Mid March - June	Budget Implications/ Point Person(s)	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
	r Program Improvement				1	
Actions: Perform GAP analysis through lens of cohesive vertical alignment, K-12  Generate coordinated recommendation to the Board  Accurately report VAPA data to Create CA	Research other districts best practices for model program development  Create survey(s) to send to administration, staff, parents, students	Commence survey.  Collect and Document results  Present results to VAPA Advisory board	Generate coordinated recommendation report for filling gaps as compared to defined model program	Include GAP analysis report in the annual VAPA SGUSD Board report  Set up system to survey each year to determine growth/continued needs  Use information in report to make adjustments to Strategic Plan	Budget: No budget implications.  Point Persons: VAPA Coordinator; VAPA Advisory Board	Online Data - ArtsEd Profile is up to date for SGUSD  Annual Report presenting data found in GAP analysis as well as recommendations for improvement is archived and available
Goal: Ensure Adequa	ate Facilities and Personnel					
Action: Assess available facilities/personnel and include findings in GAP Analysis Report	Assess facilities at each site (performance venue, appropriate classrooms, storage, gallery space, ADA access, technology)  Assess current arts personnel and document  Assess available community facilities and venue spaces and create a directory	Survey current staff re: Arts related talent, certifications, specific trainings, etc. and document results/create a directory to refer to as curriculum modules develop	Compare current SGUSD reality with defined model program  Develop long-term plans to improve facilities and personnel needs  Determine funding required to complete personnel/facilities gaps.  Present facilities and personnel needs to VAPA advisory board to include in GAP Analysis report	VAPA Advisory board creates plan, including budget implications to create positions and/or improve/increase facilities for arts education  Adjust VAPA strategic plan accordingly and include in end of year school board report	Budget: No budget implications.  Point Persons: VAPA Coordinator; VAPA Advisory Board	Report of findings from facilities and personnel assessments is clear and directly related to defined model VAPA program  There are options to pursue regarding funding needed to resolve gaps in future years according to defined model VAPA program

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Goals and Actions		Tasks	Tasks	Tasks	Point Person(s)	(Evidence of Success)
		Aug – Mid Dec	Mid Dec – Mid March	Mid March - June		
	fied, Sustainable Funding Op			1	-	
Action: Research	Identify grant	Apply for at least one	Apply for at least one	Apply for at least one	Budget: No budget	Number of grants applied for
and pursue select	opportunities at local,	large, program-	artform-specific grant in	smaller grant for	implications. Initiative	
grant	state, federal levels in all	improvement grant	at least two of the VAPA	professional	to create positive cash	Grants and/or donations
opportunities.	VAPA art forms	NEA Artworks, CDE? (if	artforms	development purposes	flow.	received
Cat up avatam ta	individually and as a collective VAPA district	presented)	D'Addario Foundation	Report to SEF and other	Point Person: VAPA	Drograms implemented as a
Set up system to accept		Report regularly regarding	LA Arts Advancement	grantors progress made	Coordinator	Programs implemented as a result of grant acquisition and
donations/sponsor	program →	grants, donations, and SEF	Grant	toward goals due to	Coordinator	donations
ships		funding to VAPA Advisory	Grant	grant funding received		donations
Silips	Create Grant application	Board →		and include in VAPA		Grant/donation outcome
Coordinate with	calendar showing	200.0		board report		reports are published and
SEF to support	application/report					made public
VAPA initiatives	timeline	Identify opportunities for				
		income sources (i.e. local				
	Inquire about policies	business sponsors, etc.) $\rightarrow$				
	regarding accepting					
	donations from sponsors					
	and/or individuals					
	Meet with and present to					
	SEF to discuss supporting					
	VAPA initiatives					
Action: Develop	Research opportunities	→	VAPA Advisory board		Budget: No budget	1-2 Events are created and
events that raise	and create file to share		brainstorms ideas for		implications	calendared for upcoming year
funds for VAPA	with VAPA Advisory Board		events, discusses			
initiatives	$\rightarrow$		possibilities →		Point Person: VAPA	A file is created for future
					Coordinator; VAPA	events/income source ideas
					Advisory Board	to pursue
Action: Connect	Assess current arts	Identify possible	Discuss with VAPA		Budget: No budget	Community partnerships and
with community	partnerships with SGUSD	community partnership	Advisory Board, VAPA		implications	activities are documented,
partners i.e.	and document/create file	needs and create priority	teaching staff, TEAL		Deint Demons VADA	tracked, and linked to defined
nonprofits, for	Touch base with	list →	Coaches and curricular		Point Person: VAPA	model VAPA program
mutually beneficial services that align	Touch base with established community		committees which community partnerships		Coordinator; VAPA Advisory Board	1-2 New community
to VAPA initiatives	partners, discuss		would be best to pursue		Auvisory Board	partnerships are identified
to viti it initiatives	continued		according to GAP			with plans to connect
	activities/partnerships in		Analysis findings and			The plans to connect
	relation to VAPA strategic		defined model program			
	plan		<b>→</b>			

1 <sup>st</sup> Year Goals and Actions	Pre-Trimester 1 Tasks	Trimester 1 Tasks Aug – Mid Dec	Trimester 2 Tasks Mid Dec – Mid March	Trimester 3 Tasks Mid March - June	Budget Implications/ Point Person(s)	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
Goal: Foster Commu	inity Value of and for the A	rts				
Action: Align VAPA Goals with district initiatives (e.g. Portrait of a Graduate) and include in LCAP	Include VAPA goals in "portrait of a graduate." VAPA coordinator will take active role as Portrait of Graduate initiative is rolled out>  Include VAPA Coordinator at Principal meetings ->	Include VAPA council representative in EAC committee, LCAP committee, Site plans →			Budget: No budget implications  Point Persons: VAPA Coordinator; SGUSD Cabinet	VAPA 5 year plan supported by LCAP document, Portrait of a Graduate, Site Plans
Actions: Involve the City of San Gabriel in public relations  Pursue and foster community partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, vendors, etc.	Establish contact person at the City level  Establish connection with local business organizations (e.g. Kiwanis, Rotary), offer to make presentations	Document communication development →	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	Budget: No budget implications  Point Person: VAPA Coordinator; VAPA Advisory Board	Firmly established relationships with local business organizations, with plans to participate in upcoming VAPA events as sponsors/vendors/supporters, etc.  City plans to be involved with future VAPA events and consistently communicates as well as promotes VAPA activities

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		Aug – Mid Dec	Mid Dec – Mid March	Mid March - June	(1)	,
Goal: Celebrate and	Showcase the Arts					•
Action: Develop a multi prong communication plan articulating a clear "why" for the arts, including website, social media, and printed publications.	Research examples of quality communication plans from other districts.	Explore existing district infrastructure (i.e. high school journalism class, etc.) and create file of communications opportunities  Identify communication avenues (website, social media, etc.)  Identify communications targets (parents, school sites, teachers/counselors/staff, community partners)  Develop protocols, and best practices regarding online activity  Begin Logo Design process (GHS graphic arts class)  Hire web designer	Create content for communication, graphics, messaging (branding package)  Communication goals and expectations developed for each avenue  Website calendars VAPA activities/performances for all sites →  Website showcases VAPA performance/work produced →	Assess need for website coordinator for following year (could be teacher on overload or course release)	Budget: No budget implications. Cost of web design, printing, etc. will be paid through the Advancement Grant  Point Persons: VAPA Coordinator; GHS Visual Art Staff	Communications plan is documented and in place  Website is live, and up to date  Multiple social media platforms are active and current

# San Gabriel Unified School District 2019-24 (Multi-Year) Plan

Phase 2: 2020-2022 Phase 3: 2022-2024

# Strategic Direction #1: Support High-Quality Arts Education Curriculum and Instruction

# **Goal: Support Teachers Through Professional Development**

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group responsible	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
2 & 3	Deliver high quality professional development	Align arts learning and professional development with Design Based Learning, Project Based Learning, and other initiatives	VAPA Coordinator	Teacher release time; conference fees	Participation numbers in professional development opportunities provided
		Build in time for VAPA observation and collaboration			Documentation created to inform
		Train elementary teachers in Visual Arts Standards aligned curriculum			collaboration/implementation
		Consistently review accessibility and efficacy through survey, observation, feedback, etc.			Digital Archive/ Stream of resources
		Continue to develop our current "in house" experts, district VAPA instructors to keep up and maintain best practices and inform decisions			Opportunities offered
		Create digital archive and online resource stream			
2 & 3	Support peer-based professional development	Invite participants in learning to use modules, and resources created by VAPA curriculum committee according to strategic plan.	VAPA Coordinator	Teacher release time (partly funded through LACOE)	Participants in TEAL Coaching, Student work
		Continued participation in TEAL			Number of PD sessions held (sign in sheets)
		Expand teacher professional development through the LA County Office of Education through TEAL, Scale Up!, etc.			(-8
3	Train new teacher hires in the arts	Create strategies for onboarding newly hired teachers by offering professional development	VAPA Coordinator; TEAL and Scale Up Coaches/Participa	No budget implication	Number of new teachers hires receiving arts training
		Include VAPA Strategies in District Induction Plan for new hires	nts		Number of new hires to the district that have previous arts experience
		Include as a "desirable qualification" an arts background/experience for new hires, especially in elementary level			experience

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group responsible	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
2	Develop a shared and accessible resource stream of standards aligned K-12 Arts curriculum	Utilizing TEAL and results from year 1 collaboration committees, build a digital and accessible resource stream for SGUSD	VAPA Coordinator	Teacher release time	Digital, accessible resource stream is online and live  Elementary teachers utilize resources in classrooms and share results
2	Provide time for schools and community partners to collaborate	Using created directory of community partners, maintain connections through regular planning sessions/collaborative meetings calendared throughout the year	VAPA Coordinator, VAPA Advisory Board, Community Partners	No budget implications	Community partnerships expand and flourish, with demonstrated results through activities, events, and possible additional streams of income
Goal: Develop	and Implement Comprehensive H	C-12 VAPA Program			
2 & 3	Increase arts offerings based on Model K-12 Program  Create schedule for K-5 arts instruction.	Increase Part and Full-Time VAPA personnel as indicated in needs assessment and reflected in defined model program. (dance, media arts, theatre, etc.)  Create a document that explains in detail when arts modules should be implemented, how, and by whom for all arts disciplines, K-5	VAPA Coordinator, VAPA Council, District Cabinet, Instructional Staff	Personnel costs, facilities (funded by grants, found income streams, LCAP, CTE, etc.)	Increased equity and accessibility in arts offerings and student participation  Reduced Student/Teacher ratio in arts education  Clear schedule for curriculum implementation is created and accessible  CreateCA Arts Database is updated
2 & 3	Refine Model K-12 Program	Make revisions as appropriate to both strategic plan and defined model VAPA k-12 program	VAPA Coordinator, VAPA Council	Teacher release time	Revised Model K-12 Program
2 & 3	Create an articulation plan for each VAPA art form	Create a grade-level specific, standards-based articulation plan for each art form; Music (instrumental and choral), Visual Arts, Theater, Dance, Media Arts  District-wide scope and sequence plan for all grade levels, in each art form	VAPA Coordinator, VAPA Council Instructional Staff	Teacher release time	Archived custom standards for each art form are created.
2 & 3	Partner with CTE to increase CTE offerings	Develop skill level matrix related to CTE that can be communicated, and related to additional community partners i.e. SEF summer school, etc.	CTE staff, VAPA Coordinator, Instructional Staff	No budget implication, possible use of CTE funds	

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes
			responsible		(Evidence of Success)
2 & 3	Expand a cross-site student mentorship program	Expand on current district models and practices  Explore funding streams	VAPA Coordinator, Instructional Staff	Transportation, teacher release time	
		Determine school-site pairings that have easier transportation options			
		Develop procedure and best practices to onboard new teacher participants			
3	Adjust secondary schedule to accommodate	Research data regarding current master schedule	VAPA Coordinator, Secondary	No Budget implication depending on needed	Increased enrollment in secondary arts classes.
	increased/expanded arts electives enrollment	Collaborate regularly with secondary principals and counselors to determine reasons students may/may not have access to arts electives	Principals, SGUSD Cabinet	adjustments	Increased number of arts elective offerings (e.g. dance, theater)
		Identify improvements, and other evidence based successful practices to increase student accessibility to arts electives at the secondary level			

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Phase 2: 2020-2022 Phase 3: 2022-2024

# Strategic Direction #2: Increase Equity and Access to Standards Based Arts Education

time performance venues

Create partnerships with community members to gain

access to spaces to showcase VAPA creations

Goal: Util	lize Data for Program Improve	ement			
Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group responsible	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
2 & 3	Continue assessing efficacy of programs through survey and data analysis	Create annual report template  Establish periodic improvement cycle that includes assessment, planning, and implementation. Include in annual report and adjust documents as needed	VAPA Coordinator; VAPA Council	No budget implications	Annual report is provided to the board at the end of every year  Survey results indicate positive results with issues addressed in following year
Goal: Ens	ure Adequate Facilities and P	ersonnel			
2 & 3	Facilities plan to support the model program	Move forward with plan to increase facilities access for VAPA opportunities	VAPA Coordinator,	Funding as available to improve facilities in relation to arts education needs assessment.	Improved facilities Annual report
2 & 3	Ensure adequate facilities for showcasing work	Showcase student creative learning (all VAPA artforms) for each site and district-wide  Create a digital gallery online	VAPA Advisory Board, Instructional Staff, City	Funding to come from site specific fundraising organizations.	Art showcases are abundant and consistent throughout district. Students have access to showcase their work.
2 & 3	Improve elementary teacher access to materials and space for VAPA curriculum	Secure reliable space for each school site to offer each VAPA art form.  Create a process for teachers to access funding for needed VAPA materials  Create systems for teachers at each site to access VAPA resources, including support from the coordinator	VAPA Coordinator, Instructional staff	Logistical expenses	Elementary teachers implement curriculum that is available via digital archive and share results.  Elementary teachers have dedicated space for arts instruction.  A System is in place for elementary teachers to purchase needed materials for VAPA instruction (district curriculum)
2 & 3	Explore community facilities for showcase opportunities	Identify sites in the community that can be used for all- district art show, on-going rotating gallery shows, and one-	VAPA Advisory Board	None, will bring in income stream	SGUSD VAPA work is showcased off campus for community engagement.

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group responsible	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)			
Goal: Sec	Goal: Secure Diversified and Sustainable Funding Opportunities							
2 & 3	Set up system to accept donations/sponsorships	Create Business Sponsorship packages	VAPA Advisory Board	None	Additional sources of income for VAPA initiatives are in place.			
2 & 3	Collaborate with SEF (San Gabriel Education Foundation)	Expand donation base to increase funding for VAPA goals	VAPA Advisory Board, SEF		Donation base for SEF is expanded, enabling additional funding for SGUSD VAPA initiatives.			
2 & 3	Continue to seek and apply for grants	Seek support from the Arts Ed Collective cohorts to identify new grant opportunities	VAPA coordinator	Positive	Several Grants awarded to SGUSD VAPA initiatives every year, establishing history with grantors, increasing funding annually.			
2 & 3	Expand site-based funding opportunities	Collaborate with PTA, Boosters, and other site-specific fundraising organizations to help support site specific initiatives	VAPA Advisory Board, PTA, Boosters, etc.	None				
2 & 3	Develop events that raise funds for VAPA initiatives	Continue exploring performance/gallery/presentation events that can bring income streams for VAPA initiatives	VAPA Coordinator, VAPA Advisory Board, Instructional Staff	Costs may be incurred upfront, but recouped	Several events per year are in place that raise funds for VAPA initiatives.			
2 & 3	Pursue CTE funding for CTE/VAPA Pathway initiatives	Collaborate with CTE staff to explore ways in which CTE and VAPA initiatives have common ground, or could mutually benefit	VAPA coordinator, CTE counselors	CTE funding could possibly be used as available	Report of key recommendations			

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# Strategic Direction #3: Communicate the Value of the Arts

# **Goal: Foster Community Value of and for the Arts**

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group responsible	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes (Evidence of Success)
2	Create VAPA version of "Portrait of a Graduate."	VAPA Coordinator participates actively in Portrait of a Graduate launch and rollout  Use Portrait of a Graduate template and SGUSD vision to create a VAPA version where coursework is shown as places where students can practice, synthesize the skills PofaG promotes  VAPA version is accessible, with printed versions made available  VAPA version of PofaG is presented/included at parent workshops	VAPA Coordinator, SGUSD leadership	Moderate logistical expenses, printing	VAPA/PofaG documents are available  Parents attend workshops where these VAPA specific skills are discussed/presented
2 & 3	Hold parent education nights/workshops to educate about the importance of VAPA as related to Portrait of a Graduate	Plan 1-3 yearly workshops where families are invited to explore the value of the arts, including keynotes, interactive demonstrations, and more  Include Portrait of a Graduate documents/program to show how VAPA aligns with PofaG life skills	VAPA coordinator, Instructional staff	Hourly pay for teachers involved, logistical expenses, facilities use	Parent/family participation at events
2 & 3	Pursue and foster community partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, vendors, etc.	Continue to pursue and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, vendors, etc. →	VAPA Coordinator	None	Effective activities, and
3	Establish internships with local community partners	Working with community partners, nonprofit organizations, and CTE (Career and Technical Education), develop pathways for SGUSD students to intern in arts related fields	VAPA Coordinator, Community partners, instructional staff	None	Student opportunities in arts related careers is expanded through pathways created

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes				
			responsible		(Evidence of Success)				
Goal: Celebr	Goal: Celebrate and Showcase the Arts								
2 and 3	Message out the value of the	Launch PR campaign including publications, banners,	VAPA Advisory	Printing, web design,	10% Increase in enrollment in VAPA				
	arts	merchandise, social media and other branding vehicles.	Board, SGUSD leadership	logo design expense	courses				
		Create a VAPA logo for consistent branding for District-Wide arts events		Sale of merchandise would bring income in	Participation in initiatives from classroom teachers				
		Create documents, presentation, visuals			Increased community engagement				
		Collect research-based documents on the importance of arts education and summarize			Data from community partners as to participation rates of outside opportunities. i.e. Saturday				
		Connect with and invite University admissions experts to present to our community			Conservatory - Are more students taking advantage?				
		Include all principals in all communications  Present to Board			Increase in attendance, ELA and Math scores and decrease in suspensions, expulsions, and discipline referrals				
		Present to board			expulsions, and discipline referrals				
		Survey to assess teachers use of, quantity and quality of education on creativity (all VAPA streams)			Wellness survey results improved				
		Involve City of San Gabriel in public relations			Decrease in discipline referrals				
					Culture and Climate Survey				
					Additional Elementary teachers signed up to participate in PD program (TEAL, etc.)				
					Survey results from all grade level teachers				
					Counselors provide a VAPA oriented meeting with students, sharing the value of arts as integral to a well-rounded education				
3	Continue District Arts Events Planning/exploration	Continue to develop District Wide Arts event in collaboration with the City of San Gabriel	VAPA Coordinator	Logistic expenses	Calendar of District Arts Events				
					Survey results				

Phase (s)	Actions	Tasks	Person(s)/group	Budget Implications	Measurable Outcomes
			responsible		(Evidence of Success)
2 & 3	Continually update Virtual gallery and calendar online	Create multiple systems of sorting so community can access information by district/discipline/grade level/school	VAPA Coordinator	None	Website is up to date
		Hire web designer to create and maintain website			A Gallery exists online featuring recent
					student work
2 & 3	Create opportunities for	Research funding for transportation, release time, etc.	Instructional Staff,	Transportation, teacher	Middle and High School students in arts
	Secondary involvement in	Brainstorm ideas for experiences, performances, activities,	principals, VAPA	release time	electives participate in one or more
	elementary VAPA events	onsite, or via online	Coordinator		elementary arts events per year

# **Appendix**

# **SGUSD Practical Vision for Arts Education**

Answering the question: "If all things were possible, what would we want to see in place in our District in five years in arts education?" Nov 2, 2018; Updated Jan. 17, 2019

Facilities and Resources	Diversified Funding Streams	Sequential Curriculum	College and Career Pathways	Branding	Professional Support	Student-Driven Voice	Visibility
Tools	Dedicated VAPA budget and dedicated Coordinator to manage budget	Inter-Disciplinary Festivals	Reputation as an excellent Arts Pathway to Arts Schools	Visual Arts requirement in middle school	Paid Assistants – guest artists, coaches, mentors, instructors, etc.	Show an integrated and thematic vision of the outcome of surveying students	Arts visibility on campus
Fully dedicated space for all teachers to use an art room	Invest	Cross Curriculum	Increase in students choosing art pathways after graduation	Students take chosen art all 4 years	Vocational component of learning	Student feedback in programming	Display student work K-12 in all city areas outside of schools
	Partnerships	Collaboration between subject areas		Arts are no longer referred to as an elective	Template for secondary specialists to regularly provide professional development to elementary general education teachers	Access	Students create public art
		Connect to cross-curricular content through creative project-based learning		District messaging	Alumni and community support	Excitement	
		We have fully integrated the Core with VAPA – music, dance, visual arts and theatre		Re-brand name of some courses		Arts = creative collaboration and problem solving	
				Addition of new music ensembles, A.V. art classes, Dance		Self-Expression	
						We have fully seen the student voice; creative endeavors, joy, enthusiasm; exciting to share	

#### **Strategic Directions**

To come up with Strategic Directions to guide the plan and address the challenges, the San Gabriel Unified School District Community Arts Team was asked on February 4, 2019: What creative and innovative actions can we take to address our challenges and move toward our vision? The Community Arts Team developed the following strategic directions, goal areas, and actions to support implementation.

#### 1. Support High-Quality Arts Education Curriculum and Instruction

# **Goal 1: Support Teachers Through Professional Development Actions:**

- a. Participate in TEAL Technology Enhanced Arts Learning and develop implementation
- b. Develop a shared an accessible resource stream of standards aligned K-12 Arts curriculum
- c. Provide time for schools and community partners to collaborate
- d. Build systems of reserved time for VAPA observation and collaboration
- e. Train elementary teachers in Visual Arts
- f. Provide discipline specific professional development for current VAPA teachers to maintain best practices
- g. Include secondary teachers in K-5 committees and vice versa to help with vertical collaboration

# **Goal 2: Develop and Implement Comprehensive K-12 VAPA Programs Actions:**

- a. Define Model K-12 Program(s) through research and collaboration
- b. Empower students with knowledge and skills for their educational/vocational journey
- c. Create avenues for student to student interaction, i.e. student mentorship
- d. Work vertically (K-12) and horizontally (cross-curricular)
- e. Create a comprehensive CTE (Career and Technical Education) program 6-12
- f. Develop a skill level matrix (related to CTE)
- g. Create a Vision Statement
- h. Develop a schedule for K-5 Visual and Performing Arts
- i. Develop courses/program to fill the gaps as described in Gap Analysis (SD 2.1.a)
- i. Create a schedule that is based on models
- k. Build a comprehensive, integrated VAPA program at all levels, K-12
- I. Increase number of periods at high school for more Arts (from 6 to 7-8 periods/day)

# **Goal 3: Establish District-Wide VAPA Coordination**

#### **Actions:**

- a. Create SGUSD VAPA Advisory Board (permanent, 2-year commitment)
- b. Create VAPA Coordinator position and hire/appoint qualified VAPA Coordinator
- c. Create a centralized process and systems to inventory and process VAPA needs

#### 2. Increase Equity and Access to Standards Aligned Arts Education

#### **Goal 1: Utilize Data for Program Improvement**

#### **Actions:**

- a. Perform GAP analysis through lens of cohesive vertical alignment, K-12
- Generate coordinated recommendation to the Board
- Implement changes as appropriate based on evaluation results (ongoing)
- d. Establish periodic improvement cycle that includes assessment, planning, and implementation
- e. Accurately report VAPA data to Create CA (Statewide data sent to California Department of Education), etc.

#### **Goal 2: Ensure Adequate Facilities and Personnel**

#### **Actions:**

- a. Assess available facilities/personnel and include findings in GAP Analysis Report
- b. Ensure and employ necessary part time and/or full-time staff in order to provide equitable student access to comprehensive 2019 California VAPA Standards aligned curriculum in all 5 arts disciplines Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theater, and Media Arts
- c. Secure dedicated, an appropriate space at every site for every Arts discipline
- d. Create, maintain, and secure stable/permanent spaces (i.e. for live performance, gallery exhibits, digital gallery online) to showcase student creations

#### **Goal 3: Secure Diversified, Sustainable Funding Opportunities**

#### **Actions:**

- a. Research opportunities and apply for grants each year
- b. Develop events that raise funds for VAPA initiatives
- c. Coordinate with San Gabriel Education Foundation (SEF) to support VAPA initiatives
- d. Set up system to accept donations/sponsorships
- e. Connect with community partners i.e. nonprofits for mutually beneficial services that align to VAPA initiatives
- f. Pursue CTE funding for CTE/VAPA Pathway initiatives

#### 3. Communicate the Value of the Arts

# **Goal 1: Foster Community Value of and for the Arts**

#### **Actions:**

- a. Align VAPA Goals with district initiatives (e.g. Portrait of a Graduate) and include in LCAP
- b. Hold Parent education nights/workshops to educate about the importance of VAPA as related to "Portrait of a Graduate"
- c. Involve the City of San Gabriel in public relations
- d. Pursue and foster community partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, vendors, etc.
- e. Establish "internships" with local community partners

#### Goal 2: Celebrate and Showcase the Arts

- a. Develop a multi prong communication plan articulating a clear "why" for the arts, including website, social media, and printed publications.
- b. Provide community performance and gallery opportunities to showcase SGUSD arts

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